(b) if so, whether these companies are having unused CDMA spectrum;

(c) if so, whether Government are losing revenue because of non-use of spectrum and if so, how much;

(d) whether Government would direct MTNL and BSNL to vacate unused spectrum; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) These companies are not having unused CDMA spectrum which is allotted as per policy of Department of Telecommunications based on usage.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Setting up of Mail Regulatory Authority of India

1651. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously thinking of setting up of a Mail Regulatory Authority of India to have some control over the private courier services in the country;

(b) whether public opinion and the opinion from the experts have been taken in this respect;

(c) if so, the details of the views expressed by public representatives, experts and others in this regard;

(d) whether any consultation with the courier industry has ben held; and

(e) if so, the outcome of the consultation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) There is a proposal from the Department of

Posts to set up a Mail Regulatory and Development Authority through amendment in the Indian Post Office Act, 1898 to ensure a level playing field for all service providers in the Mail Sector including the Department of Posts. Any amendment in the said Act is subject to the approval of the Parliament and assent of the Hon'ble President of India.

(b) The draft Indian Post Office Act (Amendment) Bill, 2006 was placed on public domain "http//:www.indiapost.gov.in" from 19.04.2006 up to 10.05.2006 for calling for the views and comments thereon. The views and comments in response thereto are being analyzed. The comments of stake holding Departments/Ministries have been obtained and the draft proposal will be vetted by the Ministry of Law and Justice before the Amendment Bill is submitted to the Parliament.

(c) The summary of the details of the views expressed by public representatives, experts and others is given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 208, Annexure No. 4].

(d) Yes, Sir

(e) Discussion with the representatives of courier industry have taken place and their concerns will be kept in view while finalizing the draft Amendment Bill.

Improvement of Postal Services in Vaishali, Ghaziabad

1652. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the postal services in Sector 4, 5 etc., of Vaishali in Ghaziabad district are not functioning properly, in as much as the letters and other postal dak is not delivered to the house-holds inspite of repeated requests from the affected families;

(b) whether on account of non-recipt of postal letters in time, which includes intreview call, medical reports, admission notices, appointment letters etc., the residents of these sectors have been suffering and passing through harrowing tension and trouble; and

(c) if so, whether Government would enquire into this lapse and adress the issue?